

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Brazil

a. At this point, General Humberto Castello Branco appears virtually certain to be elected president of Brazil, probably this weekend.

b. According to press reports, Mazzilli has persuaded congressional leaders to grant him authority to purge left-wing extremists from Congress and the judiciary.

c. Military leaders have been determined to see this done one way or another.

d. Operation "clean-up," meanwhile, is moving ahead elsewhere with [redacted]

[redacted] unbelievable momentum. The traditional Brazilian forgiveness has been forgotten as the purge moves ahead and more evidence of Communist subversion is uncovered.

e. Among the latter is alleged to be a well-organized plot of the Communist Chinese, scheduled in conjunction with the forthcoming May Day celebrations. Press reporting of these discoveries plus daily collection of such tools of the trade as molotov cocktails, arms, money, and propaganda have brought most Brazilians to realize how close they were to the brink of Communism just a week ago.

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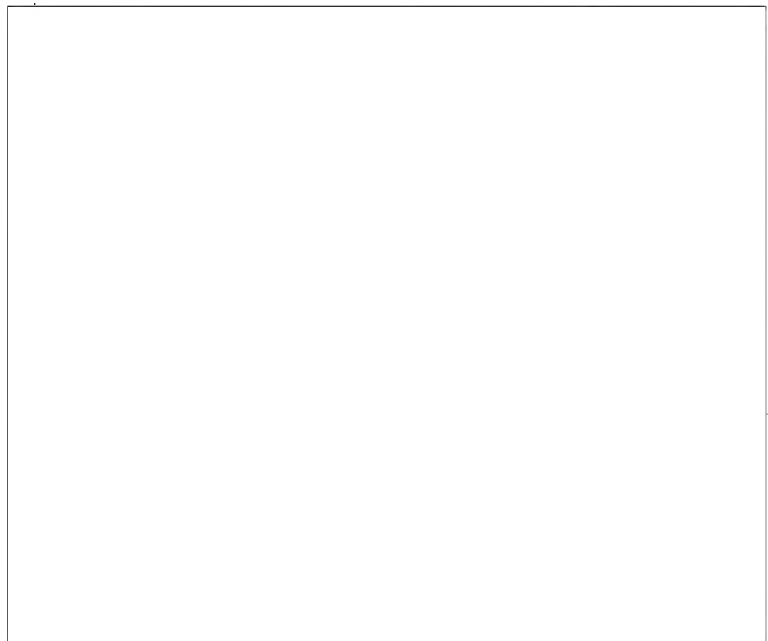
f. Chile and Guatemala say they will continue relations with Brazil, and Ecuador probably will do so too. A number of others seem favorably inclined but may wait for the elections of the new president first.

2. Indonesia-
Malaysia

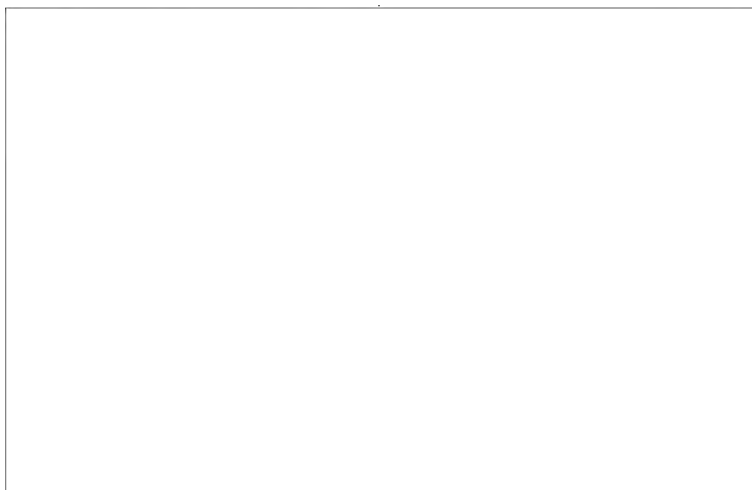
a. Senior British officers in Malaysia have concluded they must carry the fight across Sarawak's border.

b. They have recommended to London that they be allowed to take direct action against nearby Indonesian supply and communications lines.

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g. Diplomatic maneuvering has reached a stalemate. Thai Foreign Minister Thanat has despaired of getting any concession from the Indonesians, at least until after the Malaysian elections.

3. Cyprus

a. Makarios will look to the UN Security Council to dislodge Turkish troops from the Kyrenia road rather than try to force them out himself. He is willing to have the Turkish regiment placed under UN command, but insists that it be ordered back to its base camp. If the Turks refuse, Makarios will appeal to the UN.

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b. The Turks insist that any order from the UN commander to move the regiment is subject to review by the Turkish General Staff.

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d. The Turks make a clear distinction between their treaty rights to intervene in behalf of the Turkish Cypriots, which they have so far chosen not to exercise, and their obligation to react instantly to any attack against Turkish troops on the island.

e. In the latter case, the Turks say, their response would be automatic.

f. Tension remains high in key areas throughout the island, although fighting has stopped temporarily.

4. East African Federation

a. An East African summit convenes this weekend, with Kenyatta hosting and Tanganyika's Nyerere and Uganda's Obote in attendance.

b. Karume has been invited but has yet to be heard from.

c. Kenyatta plans to propose a four nation federation, including Zanzibar, but if this is not possible, he hopes the other three will go ahead, leaving the door open to Zanzibar.

d. Kenyatta recognizes it may not be possible for Uganda to sign up right away. If this proves to be the case, Kenya and Tanganyika will go ahead, leaving the way open for Uganda to join as soon as possible.

e. Northern Rhodesian participation is also being sought, and Kenyatta has dispatched an emissary to the Congo to brief Adoula on developments and the advantages for the Congo of economic association with the new federation.

5. Argentina

a. A possible resurgence of guerrilla operations in northwestern Argentina has the government worried.

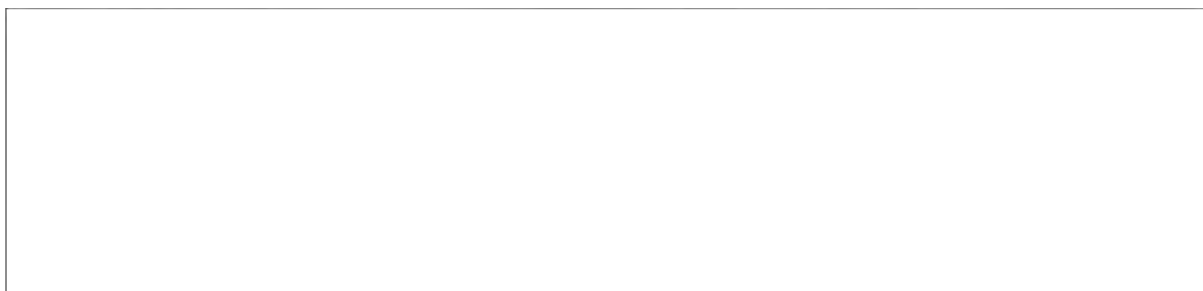
b. Evidence gleaned so far from several captured guerrillas and a quantity of supplies picked up in Salta Province last month suggests that the movement may be fairly extensive and well organized.



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d. Counter-guerrilla operations in the large, sparsely settled areas of Salta Province are particularly difficult. The terrain is rough and roadless. Furthermore it is near the unpatrolled Bolivian border across which refuge and logistical support can be sought.

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B. Rumania-Bloc



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The Rumanians are desperately trying to head off Soviet moves toward a showdown meeting and, we understand from press reports, have called a special party meeting for next week.

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C. Dominican Republic Triumvirate member Tapia has at last been persuaded to resign

Ramon Caceres, currently ambassador in Rome, has been appointed to replace him.

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D. Finland

that the Finnish Air Force is completely dissatisfied with its Soviet MIG-21s. Finland has 21 of these aircraft, whose performance and missile system have been found wanting. The Finns have decided to replace them with Swedish J-35 Draken supersonic fighters.

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- E. Mexico-China An official seven-man Mexican trade delegation is on the way to the Far East to look into opportunities for expanding trade, including trade with Communist China. In fact, the primary purpose of the trip, we understand, is to arrange for a Mexican trade fair in Peiping and to establish a permanent Mexican trade commission there. Cuba is the only Latin American country which now has such an office in Communist China.

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